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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or patent application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/483,467
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Group Art Unit	3641
Examiner Name	Johnson, S.
Attorney Docket Number	R087.1101 (formerly RA-0269)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

*Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the parent term adjustment provision of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice. Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000). 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

- a.  Previously submitted.
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s) (reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other: Drawings

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2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(l) required).
- b.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 09/0528
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) [\$710.00]
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §1.136 and 1.17) (one month) [\$110.00]
  - iii.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Check in the amount of \$820.00 enclosed
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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